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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4007

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, RH, SA
SUBJECT: REPORT BY AN AMERICAN VISITOR TO SALISBURY

REF: PRETORIA 3997

1. A RELIABLE AMERICAN, WHO ASKED THAT WE NOT USE HIS
NAME, REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY ON HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS
IN SALISBURY WITH IAN SMITH AND GENERAL WALLS, COMMANDER
COMBINED OPERATIONS.

2. DURING HIS TALKS WITH THE AMERICAN, SMITH EXPRESSED CON-
FIDENCE THAT HE WOULD EVENTUALLY ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL
RECOGNITION OF THE SETTLEMENT HE INTENDED TO PURSUE. SMITH
DID NOT SEEM TO THE VISITOR LIKE A MAN WHO BELIEVED TIME
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WAS RUNNING OUT. SMITH SPOKE OF A "RESPONSIBLE MAJORITY
GOVERNMENT", BUT WHEN PRESSED, SAID THAT "ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE"
COULD BE DISCUSSED IF THERE WERE SUFFICIENT GUARANTEES
REGARDING WHITE MINORITY RIGHTS.

3. GENERAL WALLS, UNDERSCORING THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF
HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE AMERICAN, EXPRESSED DISMAY WITH THE

RHODESIAN POLITICIANS, CLEARLY MEANING PRESENT GOVERNMENT LEADERS. CURRENTLY, HE SAID, THEY WERE BLOCKING HIS EFFORTS TO CREATE A PROGRAM FOR ENCOURAGING TERRORIST SURRENDERS. EARLIER, THEY HAD REBUFFED HIS PLEAS FOR LARGE-SCALE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS IN MATABELELAND TO COUNTER PF RECRUITMENT EFFORTS. WALLS SAID HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE WAR COULD BE WON UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HE ALSO CONFIRMED A LONDON PRESS STORY THAT HE HAD SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE UNDER A BLACK GOVERNMENT. THE QUOTE, HE SAID, WAS TO HAVE BEEN OFF THE RECORD.

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